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**L**ovely voices of the sky, that hymned the Saviour's birth!  
Are ye not singing still on high, who once sang, "Peace on earth"?  
Still o'er us float those holy strains, wherewith, in days gone by,  
Ye blessed the lovely Syrian swains, O voices of the sky!

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## "Merry Christmas."

Christmas is here.

Merry old Christmas.

Gift-bearing, heart-touching, joy-bringing Christmas.

Day of grand memories, king of the year. [Anon.]

## Beach Combings.

There was no meeting of the launchmen here Saturday evening as proposed.

Mrs Booth's cottage on Third street is under cover and fast assuming the shape of a completed house.

R. L. McKenzie left Tuesday, to spend the Christmas Holidays with friends and relatives at Oglethorpe, Ga.

Messrs R. L. McKenzie and A. J. Gay spent some time in Chipley this week on business connected with the B. C. & St. A. R. R.

W. A. Beauprie, General Manager, and B. W. Steele, Assistant General Manager, of the A. & St. A. B. R. R., are in town this week.

Good progress is being made on Rev. Poston's cottages on Fourth street. They are twin beauties, and will prove very comfortable homes for some one in the near future.

There is but little use to call the attention of our readers to the large advertisement of the Sale-Davis Co. in this number. It is large enough and plain enough to speak for itself.

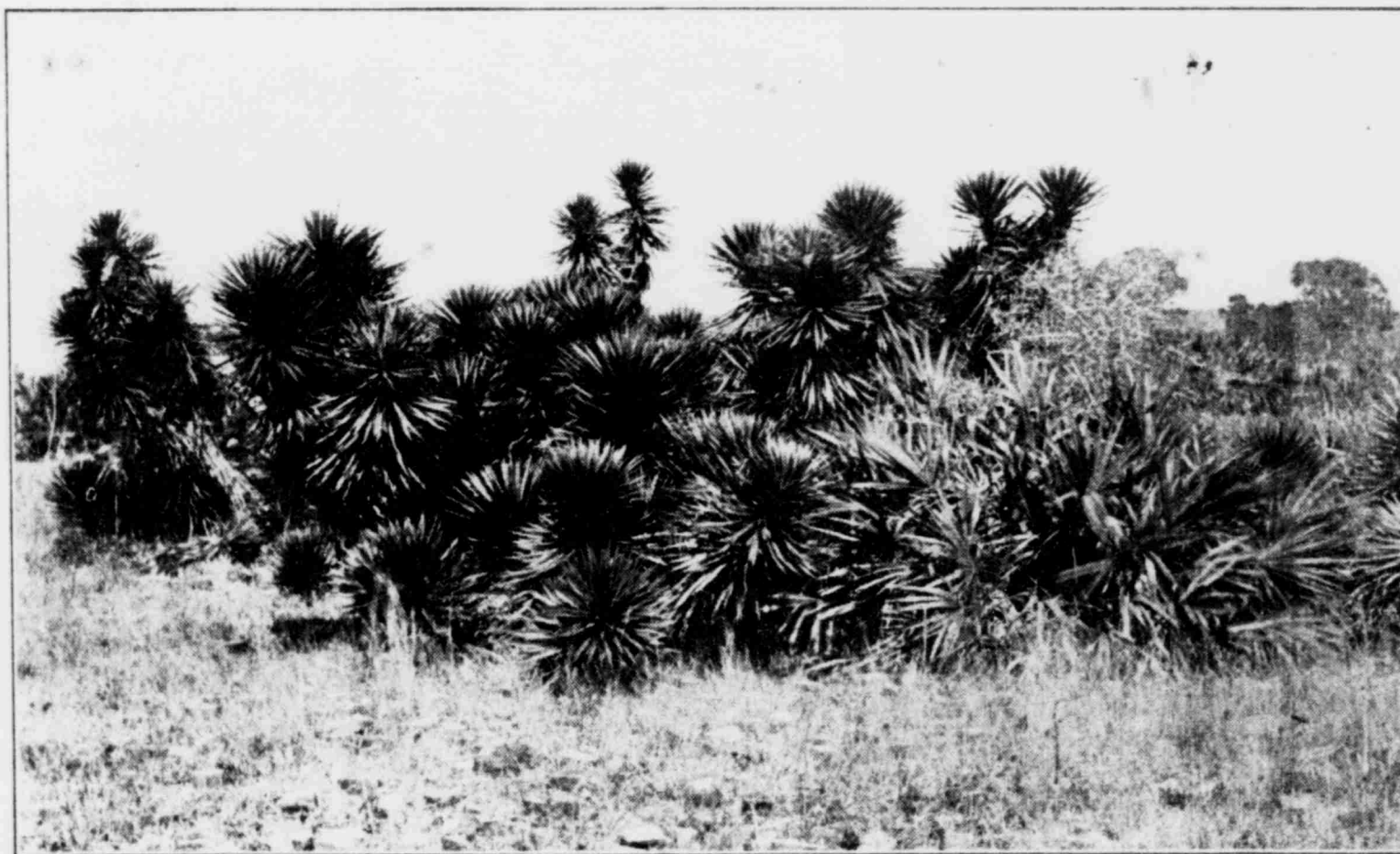
F. A. Witherill received on Tuesday a new 16 h. p. Palmer engine which he is installing in his launch Leonore. When installed it will give that boat ample power to do good and fast work.

R. F. Jones of Columbus, and G. A. Nesbitt of Leessburg, Ga., spent Monday on West Bay and at the fresh water lakes, after ducks, but returned empty handed. The warm weather has kept the flight back, and no good sport can be had as long as it continues.

F. B. Clingo has moved into his beautiful new home on Harrison avenue. Contractor Hall did some very nice work on this building and it is one of the prettiest houses in town. The neat picket fence in front of the lot adds much to setting out the beauty of the place.

Owing to the long continued spell of extremely warm weather there has not been the usual flight of ducks and geese into our bay marshes, and sportsmen have not been having very good luck. We occasionally hear of one getting a wild turkey or a bear but not many ducks or geese.

## "Old St Jo."



The above picture represents a point on the site of "Old St. Jo" which in the height of that marvelous city's prosperity was occupied by an extensive brick block. This building was near the main wharf, close to the railway depot, central in location, and a point of great commercial importance. Here gathered the wealth and business of the then leading metropolis of the Lower South. Here banks did an enormous business in connection with the receiving and forwarding of cotton, brokerage houses for such business being located at this point.

A nearly leveled pile of broken bricks covered with an impenetrable growth of Spanish Dagger plant is all that remains to remind one of that prosperous business centre of long ago. Beneath this bayonet protected clump lies buried many a fond dream of fortunes to be made in this growing city of Southland, all of which were ruthlessly destroyed through the coming of pestilence, death, and Nature's most potent leveler of man's work, the tropical hurricane.

## Torpedo Fleet.

The torpedo fleet consisting of the McDonough, Lieut Mitchell; Wilkie, Ensign Pegram; Tingey, Lieut Richardson; Delong, Lieut Sadler; and Thornton, Lieut Blakesley; arrived at Pensacola on the 21st, and after a stay there of about two weeks will take up their stations between here and St. Jo bay for a two months practice. They will be accompanied by the cruiser Montgomery, which is now stripped of guns and acting solely as an aid in the torpedo work. It is hoped that while the fleet are in these waters this Winter some of them may visit this place.

## Road Work.

The road supervisor has been working a strong force of men this past week on the roads in this district. Possibly owing to the energetic action of the ladies of the L. I. A. the bridges have been receiving attention, and many of them will soon be in passable condition. Supervisor Hogeboom has been at work on the crossing of Masselena bayou on the new Millville road, and as the Watson bayou crossing on this road is now in condition to use, this new short line to Millville will soon be ready for travel. It will shorten the road between here and that place a full mile.

## Change in Schedule of East and North Bay Mail.

Commencing Monday Dec. 21st, the mail schedules were changed as follows: The East Bay mail leaves Panama City daily except Sunday, after the arrival of the mail from the north at 1.55 p. m., but not later than 5 p. m., and is due to arrive at Parker, two hours and twenty minutes after. Leaves Parker next morning at 6 a. m. arriving Wetappo 10 a. m.

Returning leaves Wetappo thirty minutes after arrival, and due at Panama City six hours and twenty minutes after departure.

The North Bay mail leaves Bay Head daily except Sunday, at 9 a. m., and is due at Panama City at 1.15 p. m.

Returning, leaves Panama City after the arrival of the mail at 1.55 p. m. but not later than 4 p. m. and due at Bay Head four hours and fifteen minutes after departure.

This change will give St. Andrew, Millville, Cromanton and Parker better service and an earlier mail.

The Pensacola Journal's Christmas edition, which was published on Sunday last, was a notable example of newspaper enterprise. It was crammed with advertisements, and its reading matter was of a high and interesting character.

This matter of seiling and drinking whiskey here is going to get some one into trouble. The amount of drunkenness seen lately in this place, St. Andrew, and Millville, is appalling. It has reached that point where ladies fear to travel between these places on the public roads, and they are demanding protection. They will soon present a petition to the County Solicitor to take some steps to check this drunkenness and its results. In the mean time the better class of citizens here are taking action to see that the laws regarding these offenses are enforced.

During the overgrown southwesterly zephyr that blew in during the dark end of Monday, the good launch Ruby got gay and tried to make a new berth in Dyke's seine reel. About the same time the Irma got a touch of the wanderlust and made a drift for the working end of Al's hash parlor. No damage was done in either case.

M. L. Harmon, Deputy Sheriff, has been selected to act as special policeman here during the holidays. M. L. will be on hand days and a part of the night to see that order is preserved.

W. H. Parker is in town this week doing some surveying for the G. C. D. Company.

## "Merry Christmas."

Heap on more wood! the wind is chill;  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our merry Christmas still.  
Each year has deemed the new born year

The fittest time for festal cheer. [Scott.]

## The Y. P. C. U. of Panama City.

A meeting was held Sunday, Dec. 20th, at the school house to organize a Young Peoples Christian Union.

Threatening weather prevented the attendance of Rev. Hastings and the young people of St. Andrews and Millville, but a good number of the young people of this place turned out.

Officers were elected as follows:  
President, D. B. Johnson.  
V. President, Miss Grace West.  
Secretary, R. L. Caswell.  
Treasurer, Miss Jewell Booth.  
The following members were enrolled:

Ed McKenzie,  
Sam Johnson,  
Barney Seymour,  
Jesse Bowen,  
E. M. Haywood,  
O. P. McKenzie,  
G. H. McKenzie,  
E. C. Poindexter,  
G. W. Jones,  
Lawrence Crawford,  
J. I. Hogeboom,  
C. B. Dykes,  
Miss Clara Trawick,  
" Marie Gardner,  
" Orene Bower,  
Mrs Belle Booth,  
" O. P. McKenzie,  
" G. H. McKenzie.

There will be a meeting every Sunday at 3 p. m. at the Panama City school house until further arrangements have been made.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend and become a member.

Don't forget the date and time of the next meeting. Sunday, Dec. 27, at 3 p. m.

R. L. CASWELL,  
Secretary.

## Steamer Manteo.

The Mobile & Gulf Steamship company, operating the steamship Manteo between Pensacola, Mobile, St. Andrews Bay, Carrabelle, and Apalachicola, announces that on the first of the year it will include New Orleans in its route.

The Manteo will leave Pensacola every Monday afternoon for New Orleans, the first trip being made from Pensacola, Monday, January 4. On the return trip from New Orleans, the steamer will stop at Mobile, but will not do so on the trip from Pensacola to New Orleans.

Leaving Pensacola east the Manteo will include all of its Apalachicola, Carrabelle and St. Andrews Bay points.—Pensacola Journal.